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**VIA EFILING AND HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: In the Matter of Application of Ashley Oaks Water System Incorporated ("Ashley Oaks")  
for Approval of a Transfer of its Water System to the City of Columbia  
**Docket No. 2007-41-W**

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Pursuant to S.C. Code § 58-4-10(B), the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") is charged by law with the duty to represent the public interest of South Carolina in utility regulation. Sections 58-4-10(B)(1) through (3) state "public interest" means balancing the concerns of the consuming public regarding utility services with economic development in South Carolina as well as preservation of the financial integrity of the State's public utilities.

On May 25, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 2007-401 allowing the transfer of the Ashley Oaks water system to the City of Columbia. Because Ashley Oaks Water System Incorporated has ceased providing water service to the public for compensation, ORS believes that it no longer has jurisdiction in this matter. In any event, the remainder of this case is of a private nature and does not implicate the public interest. Therefore, ORS will not present any witnesses or actively participate in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette S. Edwards

cc: Parties of Record